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SUBJECT: 18TH FAO CONFERENCE - ALLEGED LIBYAN COMMENTS RE U.S.

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1. ON 11/11 THE DELEGATE OF LIBYA DELIVERED HIS COUNTRY'S STATEMENT TO THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE. THE LIBYAN DID NOT EXPLICITLY CALL FOR THE EXPULSION OF THE U.S. AND ISRAEL FROM THE FAO. WHAT IN FACT WAS SAID IS "HOWEVER, THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC DELEGATION WISHES TO RAISE A SIGNIFICANT AND FRANK QUESTION, WHETHER WE, THE PEOPLES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION, IN OUR SINCERE EFFORTS TO SEEK THE WELFARE AND PROSPERITY OF MANKIND, AND TO SUPPLY ADEQUATE FOOD TO EVERY HUNGRY MOUTH, HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROVIDE ROOM WITHIN THE MEMBERSHIP OF OUR ORGANIZATION FOR COUNTRIES WHO FEED THE PEOPLES AND NATIONS OF OUR WORLD WITH FATAL BULLETS AND BOMBS, AND IMPSE THEIR CONTROL AND DOMINATION OVER SUCH PEOPLES AND NATIONS? OUR ANSWER UNCLASSIFIED

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IS OBSVIOUS AND STRAIGHTFORWARD: THAT NO PLACE SHOULD BE GIVEN

AMONG US TO COLONIAL, IMPERIALIST, FASCIST AND RACIAL STATES.
NO ROOM SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO DENY HUMAN VALUES AND
PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH OUR PEOPLES WAGE A DAILY STRUGGLE."

2. IN MAKING THIS REFERENCE, NEITHER THE U.S. NOR ISRAEL WAS
MENTIONED BY NAME. U.S. DELEGATES WAS APPROACHED BY UPI
REPORTER WHO SAID THAT LIBYA INTENDED TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR THE EXPULSION OF THE U.S. AND IRAEL. WHEN ASKED FOR
COMMENT, U.S. DELEGATE SAID HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH
AN INTENT, THAT THIS RUMOR HAD BEEN CHECKED OUT WITH SEVERAL
ARAB DELEGATIONS BUT NO SUCH RESILUTION SEEMED TO EXIST.
UPI REPORTER WAS FURTHER TOLD THAT OUR SOUNDINGS REVEALED THAT
SUCH A RESILUTION WOULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE CONTERNATION AMONG
OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES.

3. PRIOR TO SPEAKING TO UPI REPRESENTATIVE AS REPORTED ABOVE,
U.S. DELEGATE HAD SPOLEN WITH DELEGATES FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND
EGYPT AND CONVERSED WITH DIRECTOR-GENERAL ELECT SAOUMA.
SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT AND SAOUMA AL HAD DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE
PLO OBSERVER DELEGATION AND STATED THAT ANY SUCH MOVE WOULD
REQUIRE PLO ACTION. THEY SAID THAT ANY SUCH MOVE WOULD REUIRE
PLO ACTION. THEY SAID THE PLO DID NOT PLAN TO MAKE SUCH A MOVE.
WE HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD BY SAUDI ARABIANS AND SAOUMA THAT THEY
WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH US IMMEDIATELY SHOULD SUCH A MOVE DEVELOP.

4. UNFORTUNATELY, UPI WENT AHEAD WITH A ATER MISLEADING
PIECE REPORTED IN ROME DAILY AMERICAN 11/13, WHICH DID NOT APPEAR
TO BE CHECKED OUT WITH ARAB AND PLO DELEGATIONS. ANOTHER DAILY
AMEICAN ARTICLE TODAY (AP) CONTAINS INACCURACIES AND RELIES MORE
ON RUMOR-SPECUALTION THAN FACTS. THESE OBVIOUSLY MAKE MORE
DIFFICULT OUR ABILITY TO KEEP A LID ON MATTER THROUGH QUIET
DIPLOMACY. AT MOMENT EXPULSION ISSUE APPEARS TO BE A NON-
STARTER BUT DELEGATION WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR SITUATION WITH
APPROPRIATE DELEGATIONS AND SECRETARIAT.BEAUDRY

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